

2026 Lightning Canadian Open Championship
Buffalo Canoe Club
July 10-12

Sailing Instructions Amendment #1

The Sailing Instructions are amended as follows:
(Highlighted in red)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The organizing authority (OA) is the Buffalo Canoe Club (BCC), Lake Erie District and the Lightning Class Association. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the 2025 – 2028 *Racing Rules of Sailing and the ILCA Constitution, By-Laws, and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships (hereafter referred to as Document Governing)*.
- 1.2. RRS 42.3(c) is changed to say: “Except on a beat to windward, when surfing down the leeward side of a wave or planning is possible, a boat’s crew may pull *pump* the sheet, but not the guy, controlling any sail to initiate surfing or planning, but only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used. (Amended 7/25/13)
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 When an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.4. VHF radios are allowed for communications with the Race Committee (RC) per ILCA By-Laws, Article VIII, 5. b) 4) A. The RC intends to communicate with competitors using VHF and intends to hail OCS boats using VHF channel 72. Competitors should bring their own VHF radio.
- 1.5. RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66 are changed to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T applies.
- 1.7. **An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.**